



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 26, 2000

S. 1275

Hoover Dam Miscellaneous Sales Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 21, 2000

S. 1275 would allow the Bureau of Reclamation to sell memorabilia made from unneeded property and scrap materials from the Hoover Dam. The act also would allow the bureau to sell publications related to its projects. Costs incurred to produce these items would be derived from the Colorado River Dam Fund and would be repaid from the proceeds from sales. Any sales profits would be credited toward the repayment of the cost of constructing the Hoover Dam Visitor Center. Under current law, purchasers of power from the Hoover Dam repay costs related to the center. CBO estimates that enacting S. 1275 would result in no net budget impact.

Amounts spent from and deposited into the Colorado River Dam Fund are classified as discretionary spending. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that sales of memorabilia and publications would yield profits of about \$1 million annually over the 2001-2005 period. Because these collections would reduce the repayment obligation of power customers, CBO expects that collections from electricity sales (which are also classified as discretionary spending in this account) would be reduced by a corresponding amount. Because S. 1275 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 1275 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On October 14, 1999, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1275 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on September 22, 1999. These versions of the legislation are similar and our estimates of their costs are the same.

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